

**Bickenhill Parish Council**  
**Minutes of the Council Meeting held on**  
**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2008**  
**At 7:30pm in the Parish Hall Marston Green**

**Present**

<b>Councillors</b>	Mr F Bunce	Chairman
	Mrs M Wilden	Vice Chairman
	Mr M Kay	
	Mrs C Dowell	
	Mrs V Jones	
	Mr J Williams	
	Mrs L Poulson	
<b>Clerk</b>	Carole Picken	
<b>Public</b>	7 members	

**560 PRESENTATION FROM INSPECTOR SARLING - WEST MIDLANDS POLICE**  
Inspector Sarling spoke to the Council and members of the public regarding the policing within the local area.

**561 THE PUBLIC**

**561.1** Mr Laight wished to say that he felt that the Newsletter recently issued by the Council had been a good idea and that the presentation was very professional.

**561.2** A member of the public also raised the issue that there was paint on the pavement in Elm Farm Avenue, outside Burchill Edwards

**Action Item Clerk to speak to Solihull MBC**

**562 APOLOGIES**

Cllr Lucille Green

**563 DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

Cllr Mills re the quote for Pavilion shutters

**564 MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

**Held on the 7<sup>th</sup> May 2008**

Cllr Bunce asked the members if they had read the minutes and if they could confirm that the minutes were a true and accurate record.

556.12 Cllr Wilden stated that Out of Area should be added, this was agreed

557.0 Cllr Wilden stated that Morgan's should read Mill's.

**Proposed: Cllr Williams**

**Seconded: Cllr Dowell**

**All in Favour**

**565 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF THE 7<sup>th</sup> May 2008**

**566 Minute No 541 Conservation Committee**

Carry Forward: the action item to appoint a member to this committee

**Action Item: Carry forward**

**567 Minute No 542 The Pleck**

Carry forward: Cllr Williams has now received a quote which will be taken to Recreation Committee

**Action Item: Cllr Williams to take quote to Recreation Committee Meeting**



**577.3 Burial Ground – Policy for Memorials**

Cllr Bunce advised that everyone should have had a copy of the new policy and that the policy was being recommended for adoption. It was recognised that the policy had taken a sensitive approach and that it may well need amendment as and when until it was working effectively.

**Proposed: Cllr Williams** **Seconded: Cllr Wilden**

**577.4 Lych Gate**

Cllr Bunce advised that the concrete bollards used at the Recreation Ground were being used to form a small wall at the back of the Lych Gate.

**577.5 Burial Ground – Rabbits**

Cllr Hewlett had sourced a contractor to deal with the increasing number of rabbits in the Burial Ground, this service would be provided free of charge. The Council discussed the issue and it was agreed that preventative measures would need to be taken to stop the situation getting out of hand. The recommendation is to proceed with the free service.

**Proposed: Cllr Poulson** **Seconded: Cllr Williams**

**577.6 Marston Green Cricket Club**

Cllr Bunce advised that he had received another e-mail from the Cricket Club following the decision not to refurbish all of the seating within the lounge and bar area. The proposal from the Cricket Club is that the seating in the bar area only be refurbished at a cost of £913 and that they were prepared to donate £300, if the Council could fund the remaining £613. The offer also included that the bar and lounge be redecorated free of charge using professional decorators. Cllr Wilden stated that in her opinion the quality of the work should be checked out. The recommendation is that the offer should be accepted.

**Proposed: Cllr Williams** **Seconded: Cllr Dowell**

**578 Year End Accounts**

The Clerk issued everyone with a copy of the report for the external auditor. It was proposed that a resolution be passed to accept the accounts for 2007/08 and that the final report be passed to Clement Keys.

**Proposed: Cllr Wilden** **Seconded: Cllr Williams**

**All in Favour**

**Action Item: Clerk to finalise arrangements and send to Clement Keys before the 30<sup>th</sup> June 2008.**

**579 Committee Meetings Schedule**

**579.1 Meetings Schedule**

Cllr Bunce advised that the Recreation Committee would rotate on a quarterly basis, and meet in the afternoon for two months followed by an evening meeting which would allow the public to attend if they should so wish. Cllr Bunce also advised that as some issues were being double handled and the Planning Committee was now established and working well the Finance & General Purposes Committee could meet quarterly, Cllr Wilden stated that every other month would be more acceptable. Cllr Bunce wanted the Committee to concentrate more on budgets and bank reconciliation. It was therefore agreed to have bi-monthly meetings.

**All in Favour**

**579.1 Areas of Responsibility**

Cllr Bunce outlined a proposal that he would like to divide the Parish and give certain areas of responsibility to Councillors with a view that the areas be checked on a regular basis and issues could be recorded which will add structure to the Council. The areas would be divided in a meaningful manner i.e. Cllr Mills could look after Bickenhill, Cllr Wilden the Amenity Land, Cllr Hewlett the Allotments etc.

The idea was accepted and Cllr Bunce will produce a list for discussion at the next Recreation Committee Meeting.

**Action Item: Cllr Bunce to discuss at the Recreation Committee Meet**

**580 Airport Matters**

Cllr Williams advised that a 160 page report had been produced by Liverpool University, on the health impacts in relation to the airport extension plans. Cllr Wilden asked if there had been any recommendations within the report, Cllr Williams advised that there were none.

**581 Internal & External Committee Reports**

Nothing to report

**582 FINANCE – PAYMENTS FOR AUTHORISATION**

See attached sheet detailing the payments for authorisation

**Proposed: Cllr Wilden**

**Seconded: Cllr Williams**

**583 PLANNING**

The notes of the Planning Sub Committee were issued and the details discussed. It was proposed that the recommendations from the Planning Sub Committee be accepted.

**All in Favour**

**584 CORRESPONDENCE**

**584.1 Travel care**

**Discussed in minute no 575 above**

**584.2 CPRE Magazine**

Cllr Jones took this information

**584.3 e-mail Martin Jones**

The Clerk advised that she had received an e-mail from Martin Jones, Chairman of Marston Green CC complimenting the Council on the production of the Newsletter, and that it was well received and a professional job he also provided information about free websites that the Council may wish to consider.

**584.4 Application - Councillor**

The Clerk advised that she was in receipt of a letter expressing an interest to join the Council. It was agreed that a number of requests were expected and that an interview date should be set once any further applications had been received.

**Action Item: Arrange Interviews**

**585 Roads & Right of Way**

The Clerk advised that a phone call had been received from David Kearney, Rights of Way Officer from Solihull MBC to advise they were planning to replace the stile on the bottom of the burial ground drive with a kissing gate over the next few weeks.

Cllr Mills advised that the trees on St Peters Lane were over hanging and required attention.

**Action Item: Clerk to speak to Solihull MBC**

**586 Bus & Train Services**

Cllr Dowell advised that buses were still dropping off outside the newsagents and it was agreed that the situation be monitored in light of the recent changes to the No 17 service.

**587 Date of next meeting**

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2008 in the Village Hall in Bickenhill

Meeting closed at 22:00